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ENP04-TZ11067 3/06 VCK-E/R08-67PRELIMINARY AIR ACTIVITY REPORT

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IT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH THE EXISTING SIGINT TO ASCERTAIN THESAM BATTALION FROM WHENCE THIS ACTIVITY ORIGINATED; HOWEVER, SAMBATTALION V1472 LOCATED AT 2056N 10558E IS THE ONLY SITE FROM WHICH SOVIET OPERATORS HAVE BEEN NOTED ACTIVE IN THE RECENT PAST. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT U.S. PILOTS OBSERVED A MINIMUM OF 46 SAMS ON THIS DATE, HOWEVER, NONE OF THESE CORRELATE TO THE TIMES SPECIFIED FOR THE ABOVE TWO LAUNCHES. ADDITIONALLY, OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT ONE EB-66C (NEVADA-1) WAS ORBITING APPROXIMATELY 80NMS SOUTHEAST OF HANOI BETWEEN 0418Z AND 0528Z EMPLOYING THE FOLLOWING ECM TACTICS: FIRECAN/2710-2770 MC/1 QRC-279/SWP NOISE/0425Z-0529Z. FIRECAN/2810-2870 MC/1 QRC-279V/SWP NOISE/0425Z-0529Z. FANSONG/3000-3100 MC/1 ALT-13H/Q QRC-279H/SWP NOISE/0425Z-0529Z. HEIGHT FINDER/2560-2620 MC/1 ALT-13H/SWP NOISE/0425Z-0529Z. KNIFEREST B/70-120 MC/1 ALT-15L/BARR NOISE/0425Z-0528.30Z. MOONCONE/SPOONREST A/120-180-180 MC/1 ALT-15H/BARR NOISE/0427Z-0528.30Z. IFF/650-750 MC/1 ALT-16/BARR NOISE/0427Z-0528.30. FLATFACE/800-900 MC/ALT-16/BARR NOISE/0427Z-0528.30Z. RR-44 CHAFF DROPPED AT 33 UNITS/MIN BETWEEN 0432Z-0440Z. 4. DURING THE 11 JUNE U.S. AIR FORCE A.M. STRIKES, BLUE-SPRING MISSIONS Q181 AND Q184 WERE LAUNCHED FROM THE GULF OF TONKIN AREA INTO DRV AIRSPACE. MISSION Q184 WAS INITIALLY REPORTED BY DRVASF APPROXIMATELY 34 NMS EAST OF HAIPHONG AT 0108Z. THIS DRONE FLEW NORTHWEST TO A LAST NOTED POSITION 35 NMS EAST OF HANOI AT 0115Z. AT 0117Z, A SPEAKER AT AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION, POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO THE HANOI NORTHEAST SUB-REGIMENT, REPORTED THAT A PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT HAD ALREADY CRASHED, POSSIBLY WITHIN SEVEN NMS OF THE SAM BATTALION, AND LATER STATED THAT IT HAD CRASHED AT BAC NINH. THIS REPORT CORRELATES WITH THE LOSS OF Q184 TO UNKNOWN CAUSES. MISSION Q181 WAS INITIALLY REFLECTED [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 10 NMS WEST OF HAIPHONG AT 0112Z, FLEW NORTHWEST TO A POSITION ABOUT FOUR NMS NORTHEAST OF GIA LAM AIRFIELD AT 0117Z, AND THEN TURNED TO THE SOUTHEAST ON ITS EGRESS ROUTE. THE ABOVE NOTED SAM BATTALION WAS PROBABLY INFORMED OF THE LOCATION OF THE EGRESSING DRONE AT APPROXIMATELY 0120Z, BUT WAS NOT NOTED TRACKING IT. MISSION Q181 WAS TRACKED [REDACTED] TO A LAST NOTED POSITION 1932N 10736E AT 0149Z. OF INTEREST, AT 0112Z THE UNLOCATED DRV FILTER CENTER WHICH CONTROLS MOST AIR SURVEILLANCE RADARS IN MILITARY REGION THREE TOLD ITS SUBORDINATE RADAR STATION AT HUNG YEN TO SEARCH FOR A DRONE BETWEEN AN AZIMUTH OF 040 AND 090 DEGREES. AT 0114Z, THIS SAME FILTER CENTER TOLD ITS RADAR STATION AT NAM DINH TO SEARCH FOR A DRONE BETWEEN AN AZIMUTH OF 010 AND 190 DEGREES. DURING THE 0100Z HOUR, BOTH OF THESE STATIONS WERE NOTED ACTIVE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BETWEEN 0117Z AND 0127Z, CONTINUITY WAS LOST ON MISSION Q181. THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THEN HUNG YEN AND NAM DINH RADAR STATIONS MAY BE A REFLECTION OF AN ATTEMPT BY AIR

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SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITIES TO REGAIN CONTINUITY ON THIS DRONE. OF ADDED INTEREST, AT 0122Z, THE UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION REFERENCED ABOVE WAS INFORMED THAT TWO MORE PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT WERE BEING LAUNCHED "IN THE EAST". OPERATIONAL INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE TWO DC-130 LAUNCH AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE GULF OF TONKIN ABORTED THE SCHEDULED LAUNCH OF THEIR TWO ADDITIONAL BLUE-SPRINGS DRONES. 5. FROM 0147Z TO 0226Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED THE REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSONALITY, PROBABLY A FIELD INVESTIGATOR, TO THE CENTRAL SAM HEADQUARTERS IN HANOI. THIS REPORT RELATED: THE DESTRUCTION OF TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT; THE DEATH OF A U.S. PILOT; AND, THE SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE OF ANOTHER U.S. PILOT. THIS UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER BEGAN HIS REPORT BY INDICATING THAT AT 0430Z, A U.S. NAVY "F8U" WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF YENHONG (PROBABLY 2057N 10647E) AND ITS PILOT KILLED. CONTINUING, HE RELATED THAT ANOTHER AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME IN THE VICINITY OF DAI YEN (2102N 10549E) AND ITS PILOT CAPTURED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HE FURTHER STATED THAT WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN A THIRD DOWNED AIRCRAFT, AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, WAS NOW BELIEVED TO BE A MISSILE. IN CONCLUSION, AFTER BEING QUERIED HOW HE WOULD RETURN, HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH ROUTE FIVE WAS STILL DAMAGED, THE ROAD FROM HAIPHONG TO HAI DUONG WAS BEING REPAIRED. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE LOST ON 10 JUNE: ONE AT 2052N 10549E AT 0439Z; AND THE SECOND AT 2058N 10540E AT 0901Z. XXHH 895 NNNN

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